

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SMT. SHEILA KAUL): (a) & (b). During 1990-91, HUDCO had allocated loan of Rs. 63.9 crores to A.P. for the reconstruction of houses damaged by cyclone. But the State housing agencies have been able to draw only Rs. 11.17 crores till 30.11.91.

The main reason for non utilisation of fund is non-submission of schemes by the State housing agencies to HUDCO. There has also been delay in implementation of some schemes by the State Housing Agencies.

(c) and (d). HUDCO has also arranged a line of credit amounting to Rs. 30 crores from National Housing Bank who have indicated that the entire amount has to be drawn before 31.12.91.

Job Opportunity under Jawahar Rozgar Yojana

3290. SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state the job opportunities State-wise, proposed to be created under Jawahar Rozgar Yojana in the Eighth Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): The quantum of job opportunities proposed to be created in each State under Jawahar Rozgar Yojana has not been determined so far because the Eighth Five Year Plan has not yet been finalised.

[Translation]

Market Price

3291. SHRI SURAJ BHANU SOLANKI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the wholesale and retail market price of Cement Bricks, Iron (Steel), rods, fertilizers, angle irons, edible oil, vegetable oil in April, 1991;

(b) the wholesale and retail market price of the said items in the end of October, 1991;

(c) the reasons for hike in the prices; and

(d) the steps Government propose to take for price control?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN) (a) and (b). Statement-I indicating the wholesale price index numbers of the specified items during April 1991 and during the week ending 26.10.1991 and Statement-II containing the retail/consumer prices are enclosed.

(c) and (d). Factors like a large liquidity over hang inherited from the past, unavoidable increase in administrative prices of petroleum products, fertilisers etc. as part of the fiscal adjustments, the serious constraints on supply management through imports as a result of the precarious balance of payments situation, inflationary expectations arising from the exchange rate adjustments in early July and the uneven progress of the monsoon until late August 1991 have all contributed to the hike in prices. The Government steps for price control comprise, inter-alia, substantial reduction in fiscal deficit, check on expansion of money supply, more effective management of supply and demand of essential/sensitive commodities, streamlining of public distribution system, providing crucial facilities such as infrastructural support for achieving higher production and better distribution, and strict action against hoarders and profiteers.